

MINUTES

**MONTANA SENATE
60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN GREG LIND**, on March 9, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 102 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Greg Lind, Chairman (D)
Sen. Aubyn Curtiss (R)
Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R)
Sen. Dan Harrington (D)
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)
Sen. Gary L. Perry (R)
Sen. Bill Tash (R)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)
Sen. David E. Wanzonried (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Claudia Johnson, Committee Secretary
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 584, 3/7/2007; HJ 20, 3/7/2007
Executive Action: HJ 20

00:06:17 Chairman Lind

HEARING ON HB 584

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:07:01 **REP. MIKE JOPEK (D), HD 4**, opened the hearing on **HB 584**, Unanimous vote on sale of state lands.

Proponents:

00:13:35 Sen. Jim Shockley

00:14:43 Kathy Bramer, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

00:17:25 Robert Throssell, Montana Wildlife Federation

Opponents: None.

Informational Testimony:

00:18:40 Tom Schultz, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:19:26 Sen. Tash to Sen. Shockley

00:21:30 Sen. Tash to Kathy Bramer, OPI

00:23:53 Sen. Perry to Rep. Jopek

00:25:13 Sen. Tash to Rep. Jopek

Closing by Sponsor:

00:25:27 Rep. Jopek

HEARING ON HJ 20

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:27:38 **REP. MIKE MILBURN (R), HD 19**, opened the hearing on **HJ 20**, Urge recognition of federal damage to Whitmore ravine.

Proponents:

00:29:17 Jill Lorang, Administrator, Cascade County Conservation District (CCC)

EXHIBIT (nas50a01)

00:32:25 Dan Huestis, Land Owner

EXHIBIT (nas50a02)

00:36:23 Lisa Barton, Land Owner

00:38:57 Jim Beck, Association Supervisor, Missouri Conservation District Council

00:41:31 Sara Carlson, Executive Director, Association Conservation District

00:42:21 Ray Beck, Administrator, Resource Conservation Division, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

Opponents: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:42:56 Sen. Tash to Ray Beck, DNRC

00:43:44 Sen. Tash to Dan Huestis, Land Owner

00:44:29 Sen. Wanzenried to Rep. Milburn

00:46:31 Sen. Wanzenried to Jill Lorang, CCC

00:48:16 Sen. Lind to Jill Lorang, CCC

00:49:43 Sen. Curtiss to Jill Lorang, CCC

00:51:07 Sen. Lind to Rep. Milburn

00:51:28 Sen. Lind to Jill

00:51:47 Sen. Perry to Rep. Milburn

00:52:16 Sen. Perry to Jill Lorang, CCC

Closing by Sponsor:

00:54:06 Rep. Milburn

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 20

00:55:23 **Motion:** SEN. WANZENRIED moved that HJ 20 BE CONCURRED IN.

Discussion:

00:55:36 Sen. Wanzenried

00:56:00 Sen. Wanzenried

00:56:51 Sen. Gebhardt

00:57:03 Sen. Perry to Joe Kolman, LSD

00:57:16 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. TROPILA moved that CONCEPTUAL AMENDMENT BE ADOPTED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Discussion:

00:57:29 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. WANZENRIED moved that HJ 20 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:00 P.M.

SEN. GREG LIND, Chairman

CLAUDIA JOHNSON, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([nas50aad.pdf](#))